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**Subject:** Jennifer Kuzma and other scholars voice concerns over EPA's May 1st approval of an experimental use permit for GE mosquitoes in Florida and Texas

FYI -

It's not clear to me they read the risk assessment or response to comments.

**Jennifer Kuzma and other scholars voice concerns over EPA's May 1<sup>st</sup> approval of an experimental use permit for GE mosquitoes in Florida and Texas**

- The authors are, "concerned that current government oversight and scientific evaluation of GM mosquitoes do not ensure their responsible deployment."
- The authors propose an official registry for GE organisms released into the environment and suggest a broader set of risks for assessment
- The mosquito release is planned this summer with Oxitec's "2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Friendly" male *Aedes aegypti*, which mates with females and limits survivability of offspring

*The Conversation: Genetically modified mosquitoes could be released in Florida and Texas beginning this summer – silver bullet or jumping the gun?*

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